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### **NONE WERE LEFT OUT**

Boys by the Hundred Were Given Christmas Dinners\*

WAITED ON BY BUSINESS MEN

surby Hall the Scene of the Not-ble Frant-Music and Short Speeches on the Program.

sciently hall and through the ficence of some of the citizens a fit to make the heart of Santa to rejeice, was aptual. These were a by the hundred, and apposites of mail boy order with all the guesta, i were fed; filled, yea, atuffed, and yet were many basketaful of provin-

he official program called for the as-abling of the toye at 11 o'clock yea-day morning, but they began to pot masives in evidence long before that or. By 11 o'clock Pearl street, in ot of the Honseman building, was a thing mass of youthful enthusiasm, a boys were full of fun, had on their it ciothes, and were for the most part an faces; hands only so so.

Marched to the Hait.
hen something like order had been ght out of the chaos, Wurzburg's i appeared and the boys, headed the band marched to the There were about 600 to "kids" and open reaching the there was somewhat of a scramble, he tables would seat only 430. Those bie to find seats at the table were needs on the floor of the hall, with assurance that they would fare as well by. After the boys were seated, the known business men who had been cented to wait upon them, marched and around the hall, each being grated with a long white apron. The seyed them critically and made some pertinent remarks as to the appearance of the table waiters pro tem.

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In the stage were stationed two
ids; Wurzburg's and Boos', which
senately discoursed fine music during
progress of the feast. Mayor Stuart
i the Rev. Dan F. Bradley were also re, and when the mayor rung a bell or eyes were turned toward the decsegrer eyes were turned toward the decorated stage where, amid a grove of palms the chief magistrate of the city stood. Mr. Stuart, as befitted the occasion, was brief in making his address of welcome, and after telling the boys he was proud to be allowed to call such an assemblage to order, and that the feast was an evidence that the men did not forget the boys, introduced Mr. Bradley, who invoked the divine bicening upon the gathering.

Then They Pell To.

All was now ready for the least to begin and under the direction of the captains of the tables, staid citizens began bringing on the edibles smid a cross fire of orders from those at the tailes calculated to make them understand what was expected of a table waiter, some going so far as to suggest that prempt service might be productive of nickel "tips." The mean served was beautiful "tipa." The mean served was beautiful and diversified and the rapidity with which the following class of substantiate disappeared was unequaled except in the workings of a sleight-of-hand show. There was roast turkey with cranberry sauce, roast spring chickes (with all the springs extracted) stuffed with dressing, ham with champagne sauce, Saratuga chips, hot escalloped oysters, minos, apple and pumpkin pis, English plum pudding, codes and milk, doughnuts, fruits and nuts.

Closing Exercises.

Those who were waiting were finally given places at the tables and soon all were fed and the restlessness of small boys with very full stomachs was discernable in the constant claiter of shoes upon the door and the buzz of many voices. The galleries were crowded with ladies and gentlemen who evinced the greatest interest in the proceedings and for the most part remained until the final address was made.

Amid a claiter which almost drowned his voice, Mayor Stuart announced that Messes. Kromer, Robinson and Miller would sing for the beys and those gentlemen appeared and rendered "A Catastrophe though the restless boys made the sound of anything save a brass band mandible at ten feet from the stags. The song ran: Closing Exercises

the stage. The song ran:

There was a boy, there was a tack,
There was a teacher new,
The tack sat down upon its head,
The teacher sat down, too.
Then up he rese, and seized the boy,
Who shows in every joint,
(The teacher) I sailed to see the ;

Mayor Stoart introduced the Hos. T. F. McGarry, who dressed in his waiter's apron appeared and made a brief talk to the boys in which he gave them much good advice, and especially impressed upon them that the citizens had provided the feast for them because they wanted to be kind to them and not beleause they had "learned to chaw terbacker just to keep their milk teath because they had "searched to chaw ter-backer just to keep their milk teeth white." This closed the exercises and the boys dispersed, each one as he went out receiving from the committee com-pensed of Mrs. A. J. Elliott, Mrs. H. A. Lamos and Mrs. A. May, a paper bag commissing candy, oranges, nuts and

After the 600 boys had been fed, 100 backets of food were prepared from what was left and were sent out to poor families. A barrel of crackers was sent to such charitable home and there remains an abundance of backets already filled to be sent out today.

City News in Brist.

George A Melatyre of The Democrat was not looking for "scoope" yesterday. He had a most important item in the chape of a bouncing Christmas top which arrived early in the morning but he did not try to keep the news. On the contrary he spread the glad tidings groups had, and if the hotel items in this morning's paper are a little mixed, you

morning a paper are a jittle mixed, you may know the reason why.

The funeral of Mra Ellia C. Blood, the wife of William H. Blood, who died Sunday, will be held at her late residence, No. 49 Houseman, this afternoon at 6 o'clock, conducted by the few. Campbell Fair. The remains will be taken to Hastings Welliamlay morning for inter-

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

adery Flucingly Col

Commander Hugh McCurdy on his recent marriage. In response to the recommendation of the Christman observance committee. De Moiai commandery assumbled yesterday meraing at the apprential hour and listened to the annual communication of Grand Master McCurdy, which pictured in glowing language the principles of templarism, ending with the following tonat:

"To the valiant hir Knights of the nineteenth century, one hundred thousand strong: No is sons of illustrous ancestors, whose knightly lives shed increasing lustre upon a glorious past and illumine the present with the inspiring hope of a brighter future."

In response to this the following tonat, recommended by the Christman committee, was drank by De Moiai commandery in common with all the other commanderies of the United States:
"To Our Most Eminent Grand Master, Hugh McCurdy:
"A hundred thousand Knights Templar send greetings, wishing him a merry Christmas, with peace, health and happiness."

In behalf of De Moiai commandery,

ind happiness. In behalf of De Molai commandery, 

will listen to a sermon by the key. Dr. Fluhrer, in which the history of De Molai commandery will be embodied. Dr. Fluhrer, who is prelate of the commandery, has spent a great deal of time for more than a year in looking up this subject, and the sermon will be well worth hearing, even by those not interested in templarism.

ITS WORK NEARLY DONE.

L M. Weston Says the Michigan Com-

Chairman I. M. Weston of the Michigan world's fair commission came home from Chicago for Christmas. He was asked yesterday how the commission was getting on with its work, and replied that the work of the commission was nearly completed. There remained little to do except to make their reports. He says there is still \$5,000 in the fund, and though there are a number of and though there are a number of claims yet to be paid, there will be money enough to pay everything. The commissioners decided long ago upon a policy which would leave money in the treasury when the commission ceased to exist. There will be a meeting of the commissioners in this city January 9, when it is expected that the work will be completed and the reports will be made.

Mr. Weston says he delivered the Michigan building over to the purchasers of it last beek, and it will very soon be out of existence, so far as Jackson park is concerned. The stone arch which is coming to this city from the mining building is being loaded on cars. The work of tearing it down having been begun last friday, it will probably arrive in the city the last of the present week. Mr. Weston says the fair grounds look very ragged, and are piled high with rubbish and packed goods, which are being rapidly carted away and shipped back to the parties who exhibited them.

Beautiful Christmas Meous

In accordance with their usual cus-tom, Grand Rapids landlords yesterday regaled their guests with dinners of un-usual excellence in honor of the Christ-mas festival. And not only the inner man of the earth earthy was satisfied, but his aesthetic sense was refreshed by the beauty of the menus which were indeed worthy momentos of the occasion. The New Livingston led off with a beautiful souvenir, bound with pink cord, on the cover of which was a Christmas landscape, daintily printed in colors oh silk. The Morton house menu was a dainty little booklet printed in gold and tied with watered silk ribbon. Colonel Riseley's cards were neatly printed and held together with old gold ribbon and had the poculiarity for which they are always noted, i. e. they are printed in Grand Rapins, it being one of the colonel's principles to patronize home talent wherever possible.

Presented With Badges.

There was little to stir the monotonous ammeness of affairs at the county
jail yesterday. The prisoners spent the
long dreaty day as they do other days
and the feelings that come so benging
to other members of society found no
place in their hearts. Turnkeys Carroll and Husted were not forgotten by
Shoriff Lamoreaux and each of them
were a handsome gold star on his left
breast. The stars are inscribed with
"Deputy Sheriff Kent County" and
were given to show Mr. Lamoreaux's
appreciation of faithful services.

Funeral of Arnold De Bott. The body of Arnold De Holt was taken to Bastings for burial yesterday morning. About forty members of the Maccabees of which order he was a member, were present and escorted the remains to the depot. The Horse Shoers' union was also present in a body. Mr. De Bolt was a member of Cooperaville tent, and Commander George Storens, Charles Deschaon, Marvin Tripp and Bert Storra came from Cooperaville tent and accompanied the remains to Hastings.

Christmas at the Y. M. C. A.

It was very quiet in the Young Men's Christian Association building until after noon yesterday, but about 2 o'clock the members began coming in and it was lively the balance of the day and during the evening. The basket half learn spent two or three hours in practicing for the game which they expect to so in Kalamazoo Denamber 20. Other members passed the fine in reading or its playing perior games.

SHE IS THE OUEEN

Champion of this Country,

Will Make Chee Experts Look to Their Laurela

The New York Recorder devotes clumn to an interview with Mrs. J. W. howaiter, wife of the champion chess layer, and herelf a magnificent player. Ira bhowaiter is a sister of N. M. Mar-Mrs. Showalter is a sister of N. M. Marshall of this city and is known to many tirand Rapids people. The Recorder says of Mrs. Showalter "she is a typical Kentucky woman from Georgetown, the heart of the blue grass region. She is only 22 years of ig., and scarcely looks that, has very abundant golden-brown hair, full violet blue eyes and a charming peachblow color is her cheeks.

ing peachblow color in her cheeks.

"A man who can play a great game of chess can manocurre at army," it has been said. If that is so, then here is a woman who can, and since we are getting over our amazement at what a woman can do in this last decade of the century, we may look for a featimine general in the next great war.

Mrs. Showalter would make a very "fetching" officer, since she can ride like a Centaur, and handle a gun with the aim of a western scout.

At Kokomo, Indiana, where the match was played between Mr. Showalter and Emanuel Losker net long ago, Mrs. Showalter played with C. O. Jackson, the champion of Indiana. The first game lasted between two and three hours, and resulted in of draw. In the afternoon Mr. Jackson was anxious to play author) with a man and like Mrs. Showalter works. Mr. Jackson was anxious to play au-other game. In this Mrs. Showalter

checkmated him in twenty-three moves.

She won the third and fourth games also from the Indiana champion.

"How long have you been playing chees?" was asked of the chees queen, as she sat frolicking with a gray and white kitten

frolicking with a gray and white kitten in her cozy parior.

"Oh, about six years," was the answer. "I was married at 16 and as my husband took so much interest in the game I asked him to teach me. He began by giving me the olds of a queen and, as I learned quite rapidly, he played the game with me a good deat."

"Does he give you odds now?"

"He can't give me the olds of a knight and win the game, though with the the odds of a pawn and two moves I cannot beat him.

"Now, really," added Mrs. Showaiter,

cannot beat him.

"Now, really," added Mrs. Showalter, very modestly, "I don't think I play a good enough game to have anything said about me. I don't know how I do it. I have very few theories about openings and such things and have never studied books on the subject.

"I played at the international tournament held here at the Manhattan and Brooklyn clubs, and I was matched against Mr. Colwell, the 'club humorist' as they call him. The game was drawn. A good many people watched that game."

looking on?"
"Yes, it does. I have not played enough publicly to get over a feeling of nervousness when several are watching."

"I am now playing with Mr. Lasker, who is to be matched against Mr. Steinitz here in New York in January, for the championship of the world. Mr. Steinitz has had thut honor for a quar-

Steinitz has had that honor for a quarter of a century, but is now getting to be an old man. Mr. Lasker is only about 24, and couses from Berlin, where he was the champion of Germany. He took the first prize in the international tournament, and did not lose one game.

"Mr. Lasker gives me the odds of one knight, and we have played four games. I lost the first and fourth, and won the second and third. About four years ago I piayed a game with Mr. Lapshitz, he giving me the odds of a rook, and I won."

"Are you ever taken unawares-that

"Are you ever taken unawares—that is, do you ever lose a piece when you are not expecting it?"

"Very seldom. I did, though, in that first game with Mr. Lasker. I am very much ashamed of it. I suppose I was rather nervous at playing with such a champion, and lost my head a little. Early in the game, about the fifth or sixth move, he captured a knight in that way, so then I had lost my odds, and we were evenly matched."

"Have you any special openings of

were evenly matched."

"Have you any special openings of which you are fond?"

"None in particular. I have to take my cue from my opponent, and, as I generally play with those who give me odds, they have the opening move. I like the knight's defense, though, when I can pessibly play it. When I begin with the king a pawa, I generally bring the knights out in the next moves."

"Which can you use to best advantage, knights or bishops?"

"I like my bishops best, especially when I can have them both. They sweep such files, you see."

"Do you bring your queen out early in the game?"

"Never; though I like to have the other pieces out where I can work with

Acver; though I like to have the other pieces out where I can work with them. I like a good open field. If I am hemmed in I was do nothing. Give me an open game and the odds of a knight, and I can—but, really, you must not eay I said that—I don't want to brag?—and the pretty cheeks grew a shade rosier, as the little chess queen looked modestly down.

"Do you find many good chees players among women?"
"U. no, indeed, I find very few wo-

"U, no, indeed. I find very few women who can play at all. I never have played but with three or four, and they were very poor at it. Though, of course. I know there are some fair players in this country; Miss Gilltert is one."

"How is that, when you are so food of outdoor sports, riding, hunting and walking, you can sit for three or four hours over a game of chees."

"Oh, I get so abserted in the game I never know anything about time. But I am very fond of being out of doors, and I think nothing of walking from Fourteenth street up to the park."

St. Mark's Generous People.

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In response to the announcement that the hungry would be fed, fifty people who were somewhat down on their luck, were regaind with hot coffee and meat sand wishes in St. Mark's chapel between five and six o'clock last evening. All those present seemed very grainful for their Christmas supper. Plusies were not furnished, because it was supposed that nearly all the guests would bring their appetites, and well sharpened appetites at that with them. This supposition proved true, as one man drank sieven cups of coffee, besides devouring an indensite number of anadwiches.

The surses of St. Mark's training schemi gave a Christman two last seening for the legicit of the patients in the hospital. The tree was set up in the

surgical ward and all the lamates of the hospital were made happier by this in-the bit of Christmas cheef is the midst of their sickness and paid. Most hober, principal of the nurse's training school was presented with a treatility image and stand. A large up abor of visitors were present and took part in the feativities.

Her Left Arm Broken Mine Van Done, living six mites from the city on the Walker road was riding with a companion on West Bridge street yestering when in turning around the horse became frightened and capsized the buggy. The young man oscaped uninjured but Miss Van Done's left arm was fractured above the cibow. Dr. Albright reduced the Iracture.

Based the Car Tracks.

Superintendent of Tracks Campbell of the Street railroad company was busy yesterday with a gang of men at the corner of Wealthy avenue and Fuller street railing the car tracks. At that point whenever it has railed or snowed the mile have i.e. a covered so that it was necessary to raise the tracks six inches.

Is slightly Demented.

Samuel Taggart, whose home is in Luther, Michigan, was reported to have wand red away from his rooms on Lyon street yesterday afternoon. He, is sightly demented and is here for medical treatment. A description of the man was given to the police, and he was paked up about 5 o clock and taken back to his room.

Marriage Licenses The following is a list of the marriage fremess issued since last publication, with the names residences (when out of the city) and ages of the parties:

Age

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